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30 June 1959

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Director Defense Auditing
General Accounting Office
Washington 25, D. C.

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Dear [redacted]

In furtherance of my letter dated 10 June 1959 and the questions which arose in our meeting on 22 June 1959 with respect to the examination of records in Thompson Ramo Wooldridge, Inc., (formerly Ramo-Wooldridge, Inc.) there is attached, as Exhibit 'A', factual contractual information.

Even though you requested a one-line entry showing total obligations and a breakdown of the various cost elements, it occurred to me that the schedule would be more useful if information was furnished by type of contractual instrument. Accordingly, instead of having a one-line entry, the breakdown is shown separately by CPTF, personal services and fixed price contracts.

The obligation breakdown is by U. S. Government Fiscal Years 1 July 1953 through 30 June 1959 but you are advised that the first business between the Agency and Thompson Ramo Wooldridge, Inc. began on 1 June 1954.

You desired to know if the Agency immediately began business with Ramo-Wooldridge, Inc. at the time they were founded in 1953. You were advised this was quite possible, in view of the fact that the nucleus of personnel to organize Ramo-Wooldridge, Inc. came from the Hughes Aircraft Corporation where the Agency had interests, but the records disclose that the task assigned Hughes Aircraft remained with that company until completed.

You expressed a desire to be informed as to the amount of fixed fee negotiated with Ramo-Wooldridge, Inc. The fixed fee on all agreements, with the exception of two, was negotiated at the rate of [redacted] percent of estimated costs. On these other two small tasks,

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the fixed fee negotiated on one was [] and the other carried a fixed fee of [] You expressed an interest to know the salary and/or wages paid to officers and principal employees at Ramo-Woodbridge, Inc. when the Agency first began doing business with them. This information has been furnished by telephone to your []

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It is believed the above, plus the attachment, should be responsive to the questions raised by you.

Very truly yours,

SIGNED

Attachment: a/s

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